

7.20.20 - What Do We Know?

I wanted to make a list of the things we know for sure on the subject of non-sexual nakedness and then draw a quick conclusion or two. First the things we know for sure from God's Word:

1. We know from the Bible that God created us naked and not ashamed.

Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

2. We know that we were created as God's most prized creation.

Gen 1:26-28 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

No other of God's creation was made in the very image of God himself. Adam and Eve and their offspring are the very epitome of creation.

3. We know that we were created in His image.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

4. We know that God called His naked creations “very good.”

Gen1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

So, we have 4 things that we know for sure from the Word of God!

What conclusions can we draw from the things we know?

5. We conclude then that the condition of being naked is not sinful.

1Samuel 19:24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

Isaiah 20:2 At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot, my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years.

Mark 10:50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

Matthew 21:6-8 6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, 7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. 8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

The event mentioned here is commonly referred to as Palm Sunday or the Triumphal Entry. Please keep in mind that the garments mentioned were most likely everything that they were wearing and, in most cases, the only clothes that they owned. Clothing was very expensive at the time so the symbolism is that they were laying

down something of great value and that they saw worshipping Jesus as worth the risk of damage to their garments.

6. We can then surmise that God intended for us to live in the naked and not ashamed condition that He created us in. Since we know that, according to the Word of God, God is the same yesterday, today and forever that He didn't change His mind on us living that way.

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not;

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Psalms 33:11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

This is my favorite as it relates to this subject...it says the counsel of the Lord standeth forever. We have already shown that His counsel (will) initially was for us to be naked and not ashamed. According to this verse He hasn't changed His mind...

7. We can safely conclude then that it is Satan that is promoting covering His image and that Satan has been so successful at his lie that it is now the norm to live not as God intended, but under the lie of God's sworn enemy.

Genesis 3:11 And he said, **Who told thee** that thou wast naked?

Obviously it wasn't God that told them, so it had to have been Satan and in his lies he convinced them incorrectly that they should cover up, God certainly didn't tell them that...God made

them in His own image so they had no reason to cover that image. Satan had just convinced them they wouldn't die if they ate the fruit, why is it so hard to understand that he then lied about covering?

Genesis 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Lie #1 - Did they eventually die...yes!

Lie #2 – You should cover in shame...God didn't tell them that, He asked "who told you that?"

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

And now today we have Christians promoting Satan's lie of covering the image of God rather than God's truth of living as God (who never changes his mind) intended.

4 Facts / 3 Conclusions – We'd love to know what you think...